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one individual does not receive 25 votes on the first ballot, the lowest vote-getter will be dropped and we will have a second ballot for the election of chair. The Chair appoints, as the Teller Committee, Senator Chambers, Senator Maurstad, and Senator Hartnett. The results of the first ballot for the Health and Human Services Committee are as follows. Senator Wesely, 19 votes; Senator Day 18 votes; Senator Pirsch 12 votes. We will have a second ballot between Senator Wesely and Senator Day. Would senators please cast their ballot. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk please collect the ballots. The Chair selects, as the Teller Committee, Senator Abboud, Senator Withem, and Senator Bromm. The Chair declares Senator Wesely the Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee by a vote of 33 to 16. Congratulations, Senator Wesely. We move now to the election of the Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Madam President and members, here I am again, but it is just a real pleasure to nominate Senator Carol Hudkins for Chairman of Judiciary. I knew Senator Hudkins before 1992 but I became really impressed with her during the forums in that campaign. I was...you know, that was my easy year. I had no opponents so I could listen to the other people. And Carol did come across as a well organized person and a person who looked ahead and knew the issues that were going to come up, and I just...my admiration for her began at that time and we've been sharing office space for two years. I have been able to watch her work with other people. She has a great facility for working with other people and she brings a calm approach to everything. If she is not nonflappable, she certainly is a good actress at being nonflappable because I really admire the way that she can carry through and keep her demeanor always as she does for us each day. The second thing she did for me that I appreciated during the interim, she was nice enough to take the chairmanship of the subcommittee in our DWI study on the legal side of that question. And so many members of that subcommittee told me that she carried through each time. She was always ready with the paper work that needed to be done ahead of time and, again, that she had a cool, calm approach to things. And so I think that speaks well of her as chair of a committee like Judiciary where so many emotional issues come. And ahead of Legislature, she's been...she's had other chairmanships that are really important to a person as they grow and learn how to run a board or whatever. She was Chairman of the Malcolm School Board, President of the Malcolm School Board, and she has been in a lot of other chairmanships like that in her own local work